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SUBJECT: REPORT OF SOVIET SHIP INTRUSION INTO SWEDISH
WATERS AND SWEDISH PROTEST

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BECOME AWARE OF NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY (NCNA) REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 21, ALLEGING THAT GOS MFA HAS OFFICIALLY PROTESTED THE INTRUSION OF A RUSSIAN CARGO SHIP INTO SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS. DRAWING FROM A NEWS ITEM PUBLISHED IN THE STOCKHOLM DAILY EXPRESSEN, NCNA SAID THE SOVIET SHIP WAS DETECTED IN RESTRICTED WATERS OFF STOCKHOLM ON DECEMBER 17, AND WAS DETAINED AND SEARCHED BY SWEDISH AUTHORITIES WHO CALLED THE INCIDENT "THE MOST SERIOUS RUSSIAN VIOLATION OF SWEDISH DEFENSE REGULATIONS FOR MANY YEARS."

2. DEPARTMENT UNAWARE OF REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES WHICH WOULD CONFIRM ALLEGED INCIDENT. GIVEN SOLE NCNA SOURCE, REPORT COULD WELL BE FABRICATION. ADDRESSEES REQUESTED REPORT ANY INFORMATION WHICH MAY BECOME AVAILABLE ON
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